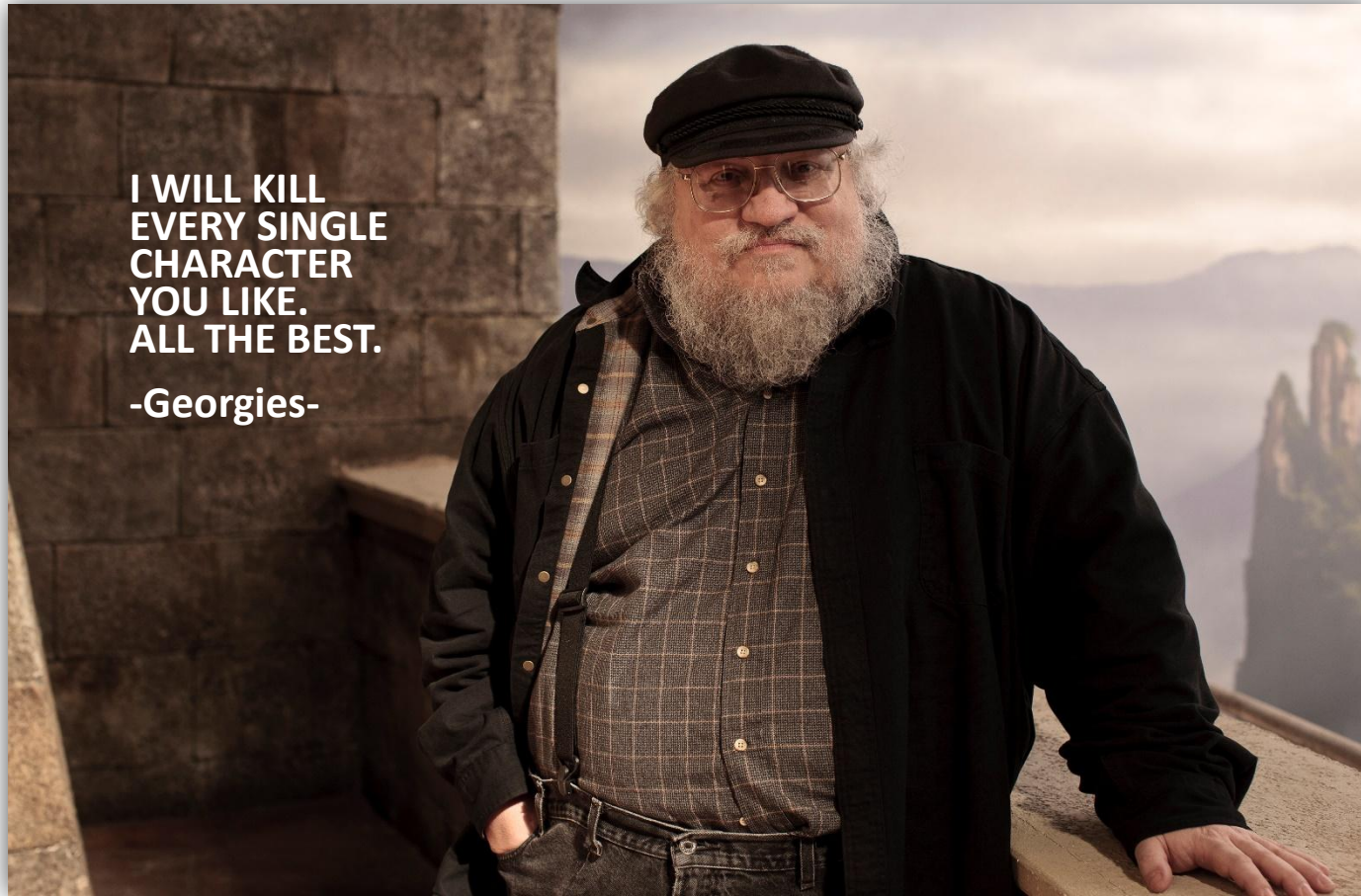


- A Song  
of Ice and Fire -

By Georges R.R. Martin



# The Author



## Georges R.R. MARTIN

- **Nationality** : American
- **Age** : 66 years old
- **Notable work** : *A Song of Ice and Fire* (6 books)
- **Main activities** : writing short novels and awesome books series, eating (probably), looking after his fandoms on the internet, sitting on chairs, ruining his fans' life, and killing the main characters of his books (which ruin his fans' life)
- **Distinguishing features** : is old and fat, always wears a big pair of glasses from the 80's and a sailor beret, sometimes makes some salacious jokes, has a great imagination, invents so complicated stories that he lost himself on the way.

# The Books

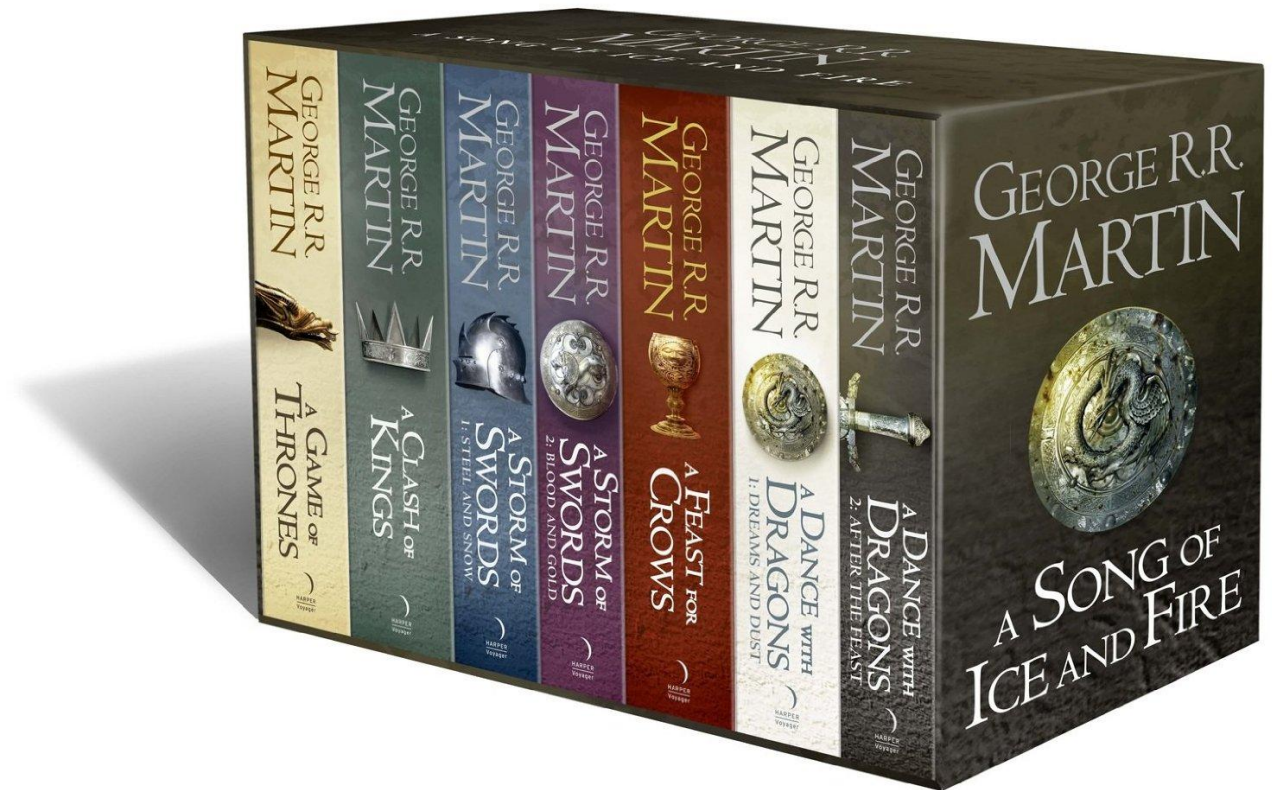
The reading level of those books is :

EASY

AVERAGE

DIFFICULT

- Book 1 : *A Game of Thrones*
- Book 2 : *A Clash of Kings*
- Book 3 : *A Storm of Swords*
- Book 4 : *A Feast for Crows*
- Book 5 : *A Dance with Dragons Part I*
- Book 6 : *A Dance with Dragons Part II*



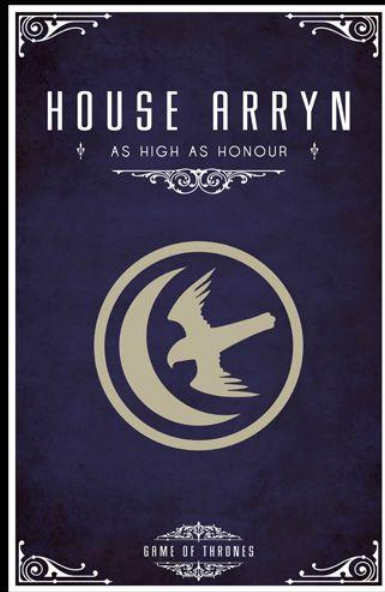


# The Story

It begins in the North of the Seven Kingdoms, in Westeros (the main continent). A threat is coming with winter from behind the Wall, a giant ice building which keeps the kingdom from everything that is lurking in the withness of the northen woods. But its watchers, the brothers of the Nightwatch, miss men. And unfortunately, their protector, Eddard Stark, governor of the North is called at the capital by the king himself to help him take care of his throne while he enjoys whorehouses and wine. Stark has to leave his family behind and face the intrigues of the Cour which will reveal some dark secrets and plots. Meanwhile, at West, in the free cities beyond the Narrow Sea, the two heirs of the ancient Targaryen dynasty are building alliances to take back the throne of their father, the Mad King, overthrown by the actual king of Westeros, Robert of house Baratheon. As you read this amazing book you will explore the whole map (which is huge), discover new characters, new houses. You will see alliances making, ennemis showing, many characters dying, and power passing in many different types of hands. And finally, the long and bloody fight for the Iron Throne will drown all the houses and families of the realm into the same blood bath...



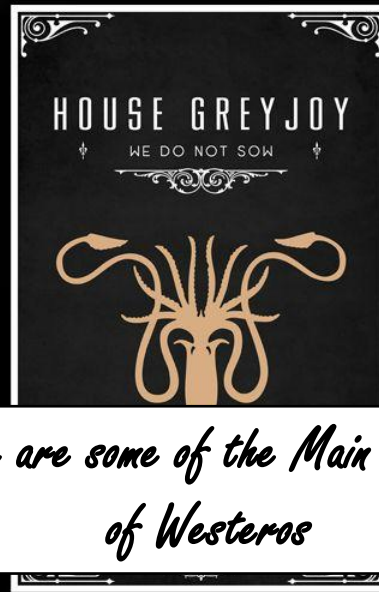




**retarded widows**  
**loyal wolfs**



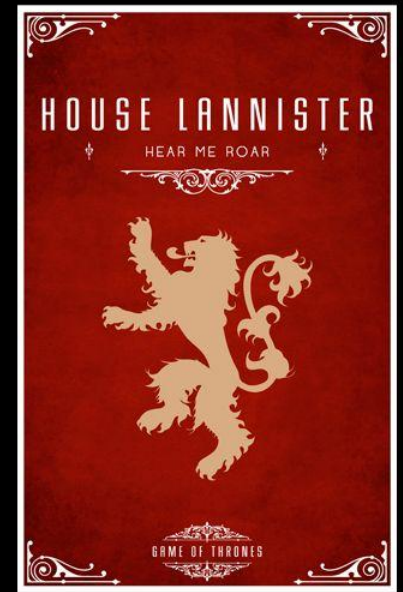
**strong warriors**  
**smart gardeners**



**greedy plunderers**  
**blood relations**

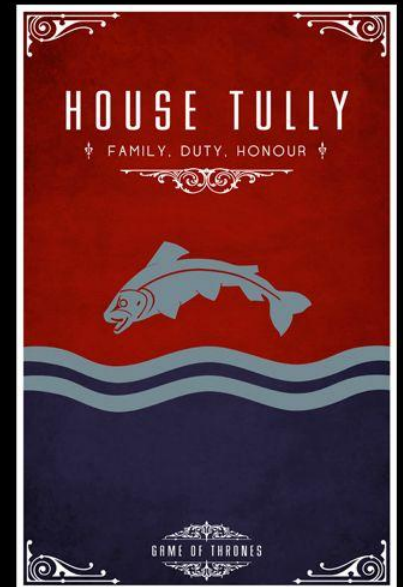
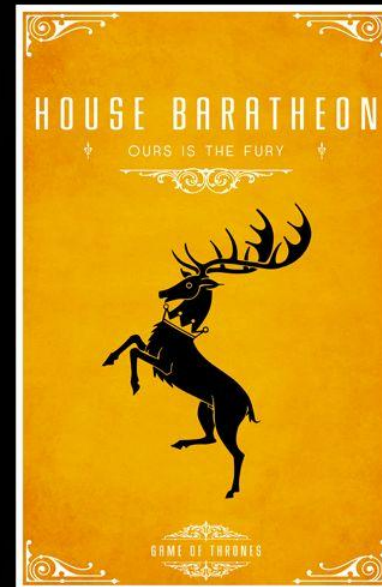
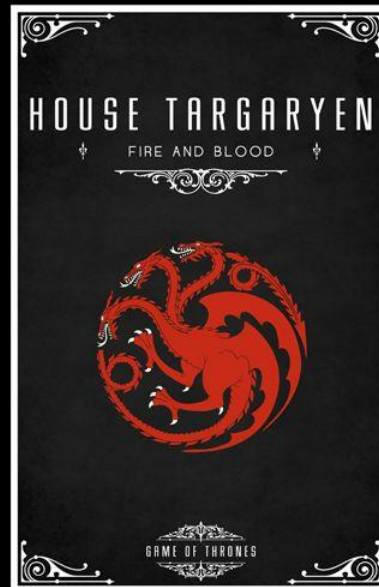
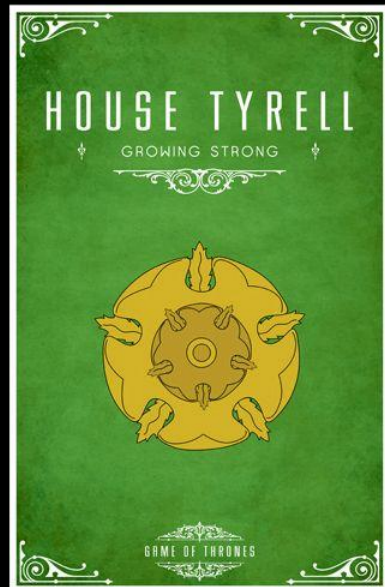


**dangerous hounds**  
**drunk hunters**



**golden hands**  
**dying wises**

*Here are some of the Main Houses  
of Westeros*





Here are some of the main characters of houses Stark, Clegane, Lannister and Targaryen



**wild**



**gullible**



**brave**



**man of honor**



**knows nothing**



**determined**



**twisted**



**as smart as nice**



**so evil**



**strong**

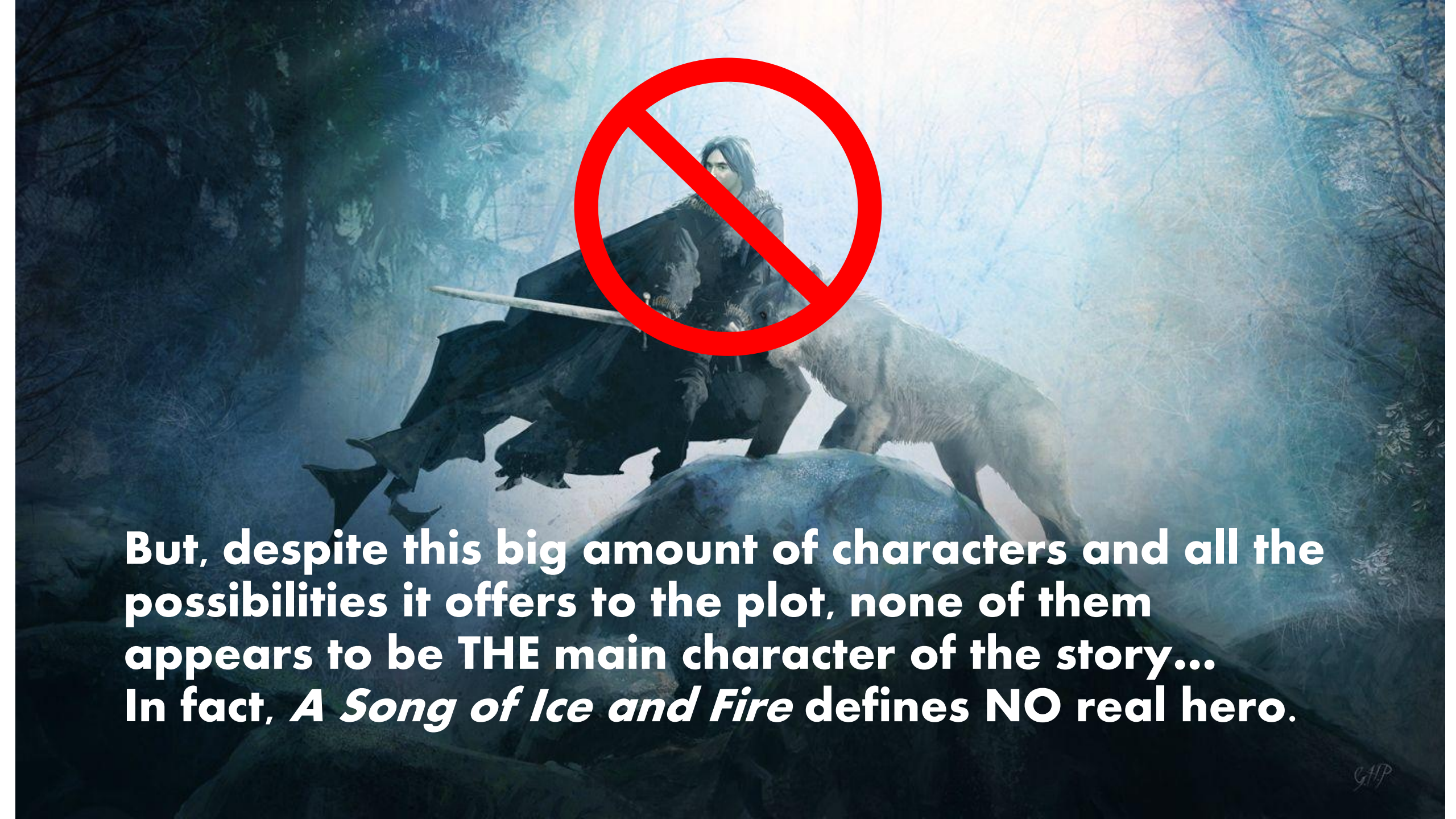


**tortured**



**disgusting**





**But, despite this big amount of characters and all the possibilities it offers to the plot, none of them appears to be THE main character of the story... In fact, *A Song of Ice and Fire* defines NO real hero.**

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**And the only explanation to this, is that  
Georges Martin is evil ... really evil.**





**To give you an idea of his cruelty, you have to understand that very annoying habit he has that consist in killing A LOT of characters without taking care about their importance, nor their role in the plot. And that clearly makes Westeros a very dangerous place to live in. To give you an example about how random is his kill list, here is a picture with some of the main characters (i don't even speak about the secondary ones ...). Basically, i have put a red cross on each doubtless dead character's head, and a yellow one on those who almost died or are probably dead. As you can see, life expectancy is pretty low ... Although, you can't get close to any character or choose one as THE hero of the book without taking the risk of a broken heart after an unexpected death.**



# *The guy that you think is the main character*

*Name* : Eddard Stark aka Ned

*Age* : 53 years old

*Family* : Stark family's chief, married to Cathelyn Tully, father of Robb Stark, Sansa Stark, Arya Stark, Brandon Stark, Rickon Stark and Jon Snow (bastard son)

*Rank/titles* : Lord of Winterfell, governor of the North and Hand of the King

For a few time after you have begun reading the first book, you may think that honorable man, as good as a father as a husband, is the hero. Indeed, the main part of the story focus on him and most precisely, on his travel to Kingslanding to serve his old friend Robert as Hand of the King.





# Robert and Cersei Baratheon

- *Robert* : the King of the Seven Kingdoms and Protector of the realm, father of Joffrey, Myrcella and Tommen Baratheon
- *Cersei* : the Queen, most beautiful woman in the kingdom, mother of Joffrey, Myrcella and Tommen Baratheon, sister of Jaime Lannister, knight of the Kingsguard
- *A twisted couple* : They have been married for years (actually as soon as they have come in age), and even if it was an arranged marriage between House Baratheon (new royal family) and House Lannister (richest and most powerful family of the kingdom), Cersei loved Robert when she married him. When she first met him, he was the most handsome man in the seven kingdoms, a great warrior, and promised to be the new king. But Robert had always been in love with another women that he knew a long time before Cersei : Lyanna Stark, Ned Stark's sister who had been killed by Aerys Targaryen, the Mad King. This tragedy is one of the main reasons why Robert and Eddard started their rebellion against the throne which finally made the Targaryen dynasty collapse. But even the crown Robert got after all these years fighting, didn't bring him back his happiness. He married Cersei with the memory of his late bride still in mind. And his new spouse who loved him crazily, finally came to hate him, when she discovered what kind of husband he really was : a broken man, violent, always drunk, unfaithful... But most of all, never been able to give her a chance despite of all her love for him.



**From the left to the right : Tommen, Robert and Cersei**



# *My favorite character*

*Name* : Jaime Lannister aka Kingslayer

*Age* : 30 years old

*Family* : Lannister / the queen's twin brother, uncle of the king's sons and daughter, Tywin Lannister's designated heir

*Rank/titles* : Lord Commander of the Kingsguard and one of the best swordman of the kingdom

I love this character not only because he is pretty handsome but mainly because he has a really complex personality. At the beginning of the story he is showed as the one who has killed Aerys the Mad King, Robert Baratheon's predecessor, during the rebellion, whereas he had vowed to protect him as a member of the Kingsguard. Those events makes him call Kingslayer and get a really bad reputation of oath breaker. Adding a incestuous relationship with his sister the queen, and an arrogant behavior, he seems to be a real jerk at the first sight. But, after a few books, a lot of very unexpected things and new characters show up into his life and tend to make him appears like a more cynical and sensible character, disgusted by himself and looking for his lost honor. By a way, you understand that he has always been struggling between his sens of justice and his will to protect his sister and family. In fact he is a cool guy.





One more cool thing :  
There is still no end !

Indeed, the story goes so complicated, the plot so tricky, the characters so many, and the whole thing so suspenseful, books after books, that it is almost impossible to imagine that it could end at a point. One can think a story obligatory needs a good end to be a good story. But I have always preferred when you are left in the doubt, when you have to end the story yourself with your own imagination. Yes, you can feel frustrated sometimes but I think it is worth it. And I promise you, if you begin to read that book, you will wish it never end.



# What i like and dislike :

Something I both like and dislike about this book is this hecatomb of characters, this game the author seems to be playing with his readers that let them sometimes destroyed, sometimes relieved. He manages to put you in a situation where you are always into the suspense, like under pressure just by making you like a character very much and suddenly killing him or her in dramatic circumstances. Really, once you have understand his logic, that makes you fear all the time for your favorite characters and hate or curse or both, all his or her ennemis. And the worst is that, whatever you expect, you can never guess in which way it will end. In fact, you almost already know you will be wrong. And usually, after a while, you don't even try to guess anymore. This type of plot management makes the reader immerse himself into the story, which is i think, the best way to enjoy a book.







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*Obviously I will give that book a 5/5 !  
First, I think this is not too difficult to read ; the  
writing style is not too sophisticated and complicated  
which allows a large part of people to read it.  
Secondly, the plot is amazingly well made and it is  
still keeping me in suspense after 5 books ! Really,  
I have seen a fantasy book that good since the Lord  
of the Rings ! So just read it.*

## **This book is made for you if :**

- You like dragons, walking deads, direwolves and all sorts of nice creatures wondering around
- You are not afraid of blood squelches, beheadind, slaughtering and other nice ways to kill someone.
- You are a perv and like to read very well-described sex scenes in every single chapter.
- You have loved Tolkien's work and are still looking for something similar but still different.







**Anyway, never  
forget one thing :  
Winter is coming**

**...**

**So keep calm  
and  
read thoses  
books.**

-Eddard Stark-